SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING CONTENT TO MULTIPLE USERS Abstract

A content distribution system including a content source and a plurality of consumer networks including a controller and a consumer storage device. A distribution network couples the content source to the controllers of the consumer networks. The distribution network includes network storage devices and network processors. A grid computing platform includes the controllers, the network processors, the consumer storage devices and the network storage devices. The grid computing platform provides storage of the content across network storage devices and consumer storage devices and distribution of the content to one or more of the consumer networks.